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address to the electrical contacts of said folder retainer when said file folder is positioned in sany one of several different positions.

35. (Amended) [The electronic file tracking system of claim 34,] An electronic file tracking system comprising:

a processor for issuing control signals;

a folder retainer having electrical contacts communicatively coupled to said processor;

and

a plurality of file folders, each file folder including an addressable device adapted to be electrically coupled to said processor when the file folder is placed in said folder retainer, and a conductor located on said file folder and configured so as to electrically couple said addressable device to the electrical contacts of said folder retainer when said file folder is positioned in any one of several different positions, wherein, for at least one file folder, said conductor is configured to electrically couple said addressable device to the electrical contacts of said folder retainer when said file folder is positioned in any one of several different orientations with respect to the electrical contacts.

36. (Amended) [The electronic file tracking system of claim 34,] An electronic file tracking system comprising:

a processor for issuing control signals;

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a folder retainer having electrical contacts communicatively coupled to said processor;

and

a plurality of fire folders, each file folder including an addressable device adapted to be electrically coupled to said processor when the file folder is placed in said folder retainer, and a conductor located on said file folder and configured so as to electrically couple said addressable device to the electrical contacts of said folder retainer when said file folder is positioned in any one of several different positions, wherein, for at least one file folder, said conductor is configured to electrically couple said addressable device to the electrical contacts of said folder retainer when said file folder is positioned in any one of several different positions with respect to an adjacent file folder.

38 (Amended) [The electronic file tracking system of claim 34,] An electronic file tracking system comprising:

a processor for issuing control signals;

a folder retainer having electrical contacts communicatively coupled to said processor;

and

a plurality of file folders, each file folder including an addressable device adapted to be electrically coupled to said processor when the file folder is placed in said folder retainer, and a conductor located on said file folder and configured so as to electrically couple said addressable device to the electrical contacts of said folder retainer when said file folder is positioned in any one of several different positions, wherein, for at least one file folder, said

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